

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **FEBRUARY 21, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend/LaPine School District
Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
Collin Stephens (Absent)
David Howe
Tom Pine
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Dan Serpico
Harold Anderson
Erik Huffman
Michael Toney
Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Jovi Anderson
Colleen Miller

Engineering Tech
City of Bend MPO
City of Bend

Guests

Mike Lovely
Bill Padgham
Jim Gattey
Casey Bergh
Kent Garliepp
Kim Curley

Citizen, SBNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, CWNA
Kittelsohn & Assoc. Inc.
Citizen, OFDNA
Commute Options

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for a vote on the minutes for November 2011 meeting and the notes for January 2012, it does take 7 members establish a quorum and last meeting we only had 6 voting members. A name spelling correction was noted and the minutes were approved with corrections.

3) Agenda Review: Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Mike Lovely confirmed Nick Arnis on the agenda for an upcoming Neighborhood meeting discussing the Brookwood Powers RAB.

4) Public Comments: None given.

5) GO Bond Update

Nick Arnis outlined the steps involved to get three round about projects under construction this summer. Reed Market will wait until 2013 because there are many utility conflicts to work out and some right of way to be purchased. The bids will go soon and there will be monthly updates on each project as they get underway. Rex Wolf wanted to know if any suggestions from the public meetings will change the design of the project. Mr. Arnis mentioned only one proposed change was a possible exit from the Bronzewood subdivision incorporated into the 15th/Reed Market RAB.

6) Arterial and Collector Safety Program Project

Jovi Anderson of the Bend MPO explained how crash data is collected from various agencies and distributed to interested parties. Some of the data from smaller crashes, under \$1,500, are self-reported through the DMV. If the police are called then they usually report any crash but they are required to file a report if they feel the damages are over \$1,500. Dan Serpico explained the ODOT reporting system as it is used as the Crash Analysis data base. Because multiple agencies contribute to the data base there is concern that each agency does not use the same methodology. ODOT gets most of their data from Oregon DMV where here in Deschutes County both City and County Police departments contribute to a data base and there information is available within one month where ODOTs data is cross checked and refined more and will take up to one year to see the results. The ODOT data base is considered the most complete including both pedestrians and bikes. Officer Pine notes that part of the problem is that it is up to each agency to determine how they are going to report. Ms. Anderson gave a handout showing the reporting relationships and how to gain access to the various databases and agencies.

7) Police Enforcement Update and Information Items

Officer Tom Pine noted that because of the warmer weather this fall and winter the crash rates were lower. He also mentioned that with the pedestrian enforcement programs there have been many citations leading to education in diversion programs. Ms. Miller asked about bikes on the sidewalk in the down town area. Officer Pine suggested she call Officer Carney since he has worked the most with the bicycle traveling public. Tom Stump asked about the rules for stopping for a transit bus, he explained that the rules for stopping for a school bus are very clear, but he wonders if they are as clear for a transit bus.

8) Citizen Service Requests

Nick Arnis reported that we are migrating to a new system for tracking and assigning the citizen requests that come in, this should allow for better reporting and more consistent handling of requests. Tom Stump asked how the Metolius project was going now that it has been constructed. Mr. Gattey reported that the traffic control is much clearer and there is more compliance now. He went on to say that the trail crossing is much better marked, but he wondered why there were no speed signs yet.

Mr. Arnis replied that there would have to be a speed study before assigning a speed zone.

Mr. Garliepp mentioned that he had put in a CSR through the website some time ago and he never had a response. Ms. Hartman will get in touch with him and log his request. He went on to ask if Bend has certified bike lanes, Mr. Arnis stated that we are required to have 6' bike lanes on arterials.

Mr. Wolf reported on his work with the Cascade Middle School Taskforce with action being taken on opening up Westridge for both a left and right turn movement. While this is an improvement it still does not address the pedestrian aspect, however he sees it as real progress. Officer Howe noted that when the RAB at Mt Washington and Century Drive is plugged there is just no way for emergency vehicles to get through. Mr. Wolf's group is still working with the school for better circulation in their own parking lot and getting more students to walk and bike to school.

Denise Blake with Bend La Pine School District wanted to go officially on record stating that she is passionately opposed to the Railway Quiet Zone. She said that visibility is very poor at some of the crossings and it would be potential for disaster, with both Country Club Road and Reed Market heavily traveled by school busses.

Items for next month agenda:

Riverside Bike and Ped project

Galveston Avenue

SDC update

G O BOND update on going

Police Information Update

Adjourn 9:20 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.